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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr AMENDOLA and Mr ANSART

on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

with a request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the dramatic situation of the Vietnam refugees

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the dramatic situation of the Vietnam refugees,
 - whereas one of the principal causes of this situation is the effect of 30 years of foreign intervention, which has brought misery and grave problems to Vietnam and the other countries concerned in South-East Asia,
 - having regard to the urgent need to step up humanitarian aid to the tens of thousands of refugees,
 - whereas it is in the interests of the EEC countries and world peace to develop relationships of friendship and cooperation with Vietnam and all the other countries of South-East Asia on the basis of non-interference and mutual respect,
1. Calls on the Council of the European Communities as has already been done by several Member States and leading personages, to reject the Commission's proposals to cut off all direct food aid to Vietnam,
 2. Urges the Council and the Commission to take a rapid decision to grant humanitarian aid so as to contribute towards a solution to the refugees' problems that is both dignified and commensurate with the gravity of their situation;
 3. Considers that the EEC countries have an important role to play in ensuring the success of the international conference on refugees in Geneva and a rapid and effective solution implemented under the aegis of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees which respects the independence and sovereignty of all the states concerned;
 4. Requests the Council and the Commission to step up economic, technical and cultural cooperation with Vietnam and the other countries of South-East Asia and to participate in the international aid efforts essential to the reconstruction and development of these countries;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUEST FOR URGENT PROCEDURE: The serious and urgent nature of the problem